CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An interactive system for building, organizing, and sharing one's own databank of pictures including photographs, drawings, art, sketch, iconography, illustrations, portraits, paintings, and images, in one or more languages, using a computer system, said interactive system comprising:

   i)   a user interface;

   ii)   one or more well-classified databases to store data user wise including a picture bank database, a user database, and a configuration database;

   iii)   at least one well classified picture bank module to input, organize and manage one's own databank of pictures in the form of data/record(s) in the databases;

   iv)   modules for sharing, invoking, customizing the pictures data in the form of data/record(s) in the databank, for gaining information and/or for entertainment/enjoyment of photographs, drawings, art, sketch, iconography, illustrations, portraits, paintings, and images; and

   v)   a control system acting as a bridge between the modules and the databases to display relevant data/record(s) on the user interface by finding the same from the databank, based on none or one or more "FIND" conditions.

2. The system according to claim 1 wherein the "FIND" conditions to find the data/record(s) from the databank are defined by none or one or more classifications comprising Date, Record ID, Source of Information, Type of Picture, Creator of Picture, Category and Sub Category, including classifications of keywords, wildcard characters, by whether or not a picture has file attachments/Associations and/or attachment/association remarks, import remarks, and/or whether or not a picture has been bookmarked and further by bookmark remarks, and/or whether or not a picture is marked as "Private" or "Public" and/or "Favorite" as well as assigned a rating, and/or by whether or not a picture has been used in a picture/scheduled session and if so, the number of times it has been used.

3. The system according to claim 1 wherein the said picture bank module allows the user to classify the data/record(s) by classifications selected or added in one or more groups comprising Date, Record ID, Source of Information, Type of Picture, Creator of Picture, Category and Sub Category.

4. The system according to claim 1 wherein said picture bank module allows the user to store additional information about a picture including camera used, location, name of photographer/artist, and remarks.

5. The system according to claim 1 wherein said picture bank module allows the user to find data/record(s) from the databank, which have similar classifications.

6. The system according to claim 1 wherein said picture bank module comprises a utility for copying of existing classification and previously entered data/record(s) for new data/record input by the user, for ease of data entry, with a choice of defining an extent of details to be copied.

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7. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include a picture session module, which allows the user to invoke and store a picture session for gaining information and/or for entertainment or enjoyment of pictures including photographs, drawings, art, sketches, iconography, illustrations, portraits, paintings, and images, using the data/record(s) from the databank, such data/record(s) having been selected by the user by finding the same from the databank, based on none or one or more "FIND" conditions.

8. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include a picture session module, which allows the user to schedule the data/record(s) by finding the same from the databank by none or one or more "FIND" conditions, and said pictures are brought up on the user's computer system at preset time intervals.

9. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include a screen saver module, which allows the user to display the data/record(s) in the databank as screen savers.

10. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include an export module, which allows the user to export data/record(s) from the databank, such data/record(s) having been selected by the user by finding the same by none or one or more FIND conditions.

11. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include an import module, which allows the user to import data/record(s), built by another user using the same system.

12. The system according to claim 11 wherein the import module further comprises a utility, which allows the user to selectively import the data/record(s).

13. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include a global changes module, which allows the user to modify data/record(s), delete data/record(s), bookmark data/record(s), mark data/record(s) as "Public" or "Private" and/or "Favorite", assign a rating, associate additional information in the form of file(s)/URL(s)/remark(s) to data/record(s), attach a file including an image, animation, or a sound file to data/record(s), individually as well as globally.

14. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include a recycle bin module, which allows the user to restore or permanently remove data/record(s) individually or plurally from the databank.

15. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include a reports module, which allows the user to print reports and/or graphs from the data/record(s) in the databank, by none or one or more "FIND" conditions.

16. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include a tools/help menu options module which allows the user to select an option for customization including system maintenance and updating of databases.

17. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules include a master module, which allows the user to create and store masters for well-defined classifications.

18. The system according to claim 1 wherein the modules and utilities are adapted to be operated within a browser and/or other viewing and/or processing programs and to operate on one or more computer systems including hand held devices.

19. An interactive system for building, organizing, and sharing one's own databank of pictures including photographs, drawings, art, sketch, iconography, illustrations, portraits, paintings, and images, in one or more languages, using a computer system, said interactive system comprising:

    i)   a user interface;

    ii)   one or more well-classified databases to store data/record(s) user wise including a picture bank database, a user database, and a configuration database;

    iii)   at least one well classified picture bank module to input, organize and manage one's own databank of pictures in the form of data/record(s) in the databases for classifying the data/record(s) by classifications selected or added in one or more groups comprising Date, Record ID, Source of Information, Type of Picture, Creator of Picture, Category and Sub Category; and

    iv)   a control system acting as a bridge between the module and the databases to display relevant data/record(s) on the user interface by finding the same from the databank, based on none or one or more "FIND" conditions.

20. The interactive system according to claim 19 wherein the picture bank module includes a utility for copying of existing classification and previously entered data/record(s) for new data input by the user, for ease of data/record entry, with a choice of defining an extent of details to be copied.

21. The system according to claim 19 wherein the picture bank module allows the user to modify a record/data individually and further comprises of a utility, which allows the user to modify data/record(s) globally.

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